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COORDINATING COMMITTEE

RECORD OF DISCUSSION

ON

ITEM 1016 - GRINDING HEADS AND SPINDLE ASSEMBLIES

29th October, 18th and 30th November, 1959

Present: Belgium (Luxembourg), Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, United Kingdom, United States.

References: COCOM Documents Nos. 3700.6 and .8, 3710.00/1, W.P.1016/1 and 2.

1. The ITALIAN Delegation proposed that the cut-off in this item be changed from 80,000 r.p.m. to 130,000 r.p.m.
2. The BELGIAN, CANADIAN, FRENCH, JAPANESE, NETHERLANDS and UNITED KINGDOM Delegations accepted this proposal.
3. The GERMAN Delegation suggested a cut-off of 150,000 r.p.m.
4. This new proposal was supported by the majority of the Delegations present. The UNITED STATES Delegation, however, wished to retain the current cut-off of 80,000 r.p.m.
5. The GERMAN Delegation expressed readiness to withdraw their proposal in favour of the earlier Italian suggestion of 130,000 r.p.m. if that would secure unanimous agreement. The United States Delegation, however, while paying tribute to this gesture, were unable to change their position.
6. The CHAIRMAN pointed out that the Italian proposal had been accepted by all other Delegations and invited the United States Delegation, for the second round of discussion, to consider the possibility of accepting it in the spirit of compromise.
7. The UNITED STATES Delegate said that he would recommend this possibility to his authorities. He pointed out afresh, however, that in the United States equipment of this nature, when working at 80,000 r.p.m., was used predominantly for the production of strategic items.

CONCLUSION: The COMMITTEE noted that agreement had not been reached on Item 1016 and agreed to resume its study during the second round of discussion.

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